



Small Group Questions

1 Peter Introduction

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** What stood out to you most in the introduction to 1 Peter on Sunday?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

Simon Peter's two-part name illustrates the two aspects of a Christian's nature and our need for spiritual transformation. Simon, Peter's given name, relates to his flawed natural personality from his first birth, while Peter, the name Jesus gave him, speaks of the redeemed personality that developed out of his spiritual re-birth. Why is this process of spiritual transformation important?

Spiritual transformation is a life-long process. What parts of your personality have begun to change (be transformed) by the Lord during the time that you have been following him?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

Peter emphasized four main themes in this brief letter to scattered Christians:

1. Personal suffering – trials of aliens and pilgrims
2. Godly living – being in the world but not of the world
3. Living hope – encouragement for today
4. Amazing grace – God's sufficient resource

Which of these resonated most with you? Why?

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

Read it! Read this short letter a bunch of times before next Sunday.

5. **Prayer ...**